

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [038] of the specification with the following amended paragraph, in which additions are indicated by underscoring:

[038] Referring now to Figures 6(a) through 6(c), the floatation insert block F1 includes a main block body 70 which is constructed and arranged to fit nestingly in a selected portion of the interior space inside the vessel body. The main block body 70 is made with a supporting groove F1a formed therein, for supportively receiving and guiding the aforementioned pipe P5. As shown in Figures 5 and 6(a) through 6(c) of the drawings, the groove F1a is open on one side thereof to permit insertion of the conduit P5 thereinto, or removal of the conduit therefrom. As seen best in Figure 6(c), a portion of the groove F1a has a tapered cross-section which is widest near the open portion thereof, and narrowest at the innermost portion thereof. This shape facilitates insertion of the conduit into the insert block F1, and removal of the conduit therefrom.